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SUBJECT: ADVANCE PORT NOTIFICATION BY U.S. GRAINSHIPS

REF: MOSCOW 18376

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FOR
EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE AND USE IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON ADVANCE
NOTIFICATION.

2. WHILE THE MARITIME AGREEMENT ARTICLE 3 PROVIDES FOR
FOUR-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE FOR VESSELS COVERED BY THE AGREE-
MENT, PROCEDURES WHICH APPLY TO SHIPS CARRYING GRAIN TO THE
USSR ARE, IN FACT, MORE COMPLEX. THESE PROCEDURES ARE OUT-
LINED IN CLAUSE 9, ENTITLED "LOADING PORT ORDERS AND WIRE-
LESS CLAUSES" OF THE PRO FORMA CHARTER PARTY WHICH IS
ATTACHED TO THE BULK MEMORANDUM.

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3. WIRELESS CLAUSE BLACK SEA STATES THAT ON SAILING FROM
LOADING PORT, MASTER IS TO RADIO SOVFRACHT MOSCOW OF
EXPECTED DRAFT ON ARRIVAL, ETA, AND AMOUNT OF CARGO. AS A
MATTER OF PRACTICE MASTER ALSO RADIOS INFLOT AT THAT TIME.
FURTHER NOTIFICATION IS TO BE GIVEN TO SOVFRACHT MOSCOW 48
HOURS BEFORE THE SHIP PASSES GIBRALTAR GIVING ETA BOSPORUS.

72 HOURS LATER SOVFRACHT MOSCOW NOMINATES TO MASTER PORT(S) OF DISCHARGE. IN ADDITION MASTERS ARE TO GIVE "FIRST NOTICE" OF ARRIVAL TO INFLOT 4 DAYS PRIOR ETA AND "FINAL NOTICE" 24 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

4. FOUR-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE APPLIES TO U.S. LINER VESSELS.

5. AS EMBASSY POINTS OUT, IT IS EXPORTKHLEB WHICH NOMINATES PORTS OF ARRIVAL (THROUGH SOVFRACHT) AND RECEIVES RADIO MESSAGES WHICH FOREIGN SHIPS SEND IN. INFLOT SHOULD TURN TO EXPORTKHLEB IF IT WISHES TO IMPROVE ARRIVAL OPERATIONS.

6. COMMENT. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE CHANGE IN NOTIFICATION MENTIONED INFORMALLY BY INFLOT OFFICIALS WOULD APPLY TO US FLAG SHIPS, IF AT ALL, BECAUSE IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY ARE AWARE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER PARTY. IN ANY CASE, ANY CHANGES ON POINTS COVERED BY THE CHARTER PARTY WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED AND AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES. IF PROBLEM OF PORT ACCESS DOES ARISE, IT MAY HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH SOVIETS BY BLACKWELL.

7. ALTHOUGH US AND SOVIET "MEMORANDA ON PORT PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS" ARE ATTACHED TO THE MARITIME AGREEMENT, THEY ARE NOT INTEGRALLY PART OF IT. THEY ARE UNILATERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO PORT ENTRY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REFER TO IN-PORT MEMORANDA IN DISCUSSING ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF MARITIME AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT ITSELF AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING CHARTER PARTY ARE APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS.
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